(b) in what manner the specialists' fees, including charges for laboratory tests, X-Ray, ECG screening and dental care are to be reimbursed to the employees; and

(c) if the answere to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor and what other action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) In addition to O.P.D. facilities, medical Specialists like cardiologist orthopaedican, eye-specialists, E.N.T., etc. are also available in the World University Services Health Centre (W.U.S.) of the University of Delhi. The University has also empannelled Private Medical Practitioners under the Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944 for the benefit of University employees who are not members of the WUS Health Centre. These Medical Practitioners can refer patients to the Specialists in Government Hospitals or Hospitals approved by the Delhi Administration. Reimbursement of fees for laboratory tests and cost of medicines prescribed by Specialists in the above Hospitals is permissible under the aforesaid Rules.

**Saturated fat consumption and the resultant heart diseases**

1866 DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI. Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the world wide concern about consumption of saturated fat by human beings and the resultant heart diseases;

(b) if so, what is Government's policy regarding the usage of vanaspati or hydrogenated oil in the country and what are the views of the nutritional authorities in this regard;

(c) whether Government are monitoring the saturated fat content of the cooking oils being imported and distributed all over the country, if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is important to have a proper balance of saturated fatty acids and poly unsaturated fatty acids so as to mintain a healthy cardio vascular system. The level of consumption of vanaspati in the country is quite low—about 1.2 kg. to 1.3 kg. per capita per annum. At this low level of consumption, its effect on the health of the people is unlikely to be significant enough. As a matter of policy, the Government is not encouraging setting up of new vanaspati industry except under special situations.

(c) According to Sections 6(1) and (2) of PFA Act, 1954, Custom authorities allow import of edible oils, if it conforms to standards laid down under PFA Rules.

**Indigenous production of Radio Cobalt Therapy**

1867. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that radio thereapy is an accepted procedure for treatment of Cancer;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to produce cobalt therapy sources within the country and what is the power of these sources already in production and likely to be in production in the next two to three years; and

(c) whether any indigenous programme for the production of radio therapy units, is under consideration, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Bombay is producing indigenously radio-active materials like cobalt, Caesium-137, IODINE-131, Phosphorus-32, Technicium-99 etc. and the Centre is meeting the entire requirement of the country.

(c) At present cobalt tele-therapy units are not being produced in this country. However, a letter of Indent has been issued to M/s. Larsen and Toubro Ltd. in October, 1987 for the manufacture of cobalt tele-therapy simulators and accessories.

**Supply of radio-therapy equipment to India**

1868. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of countries are supplying radio-therapy equipment to India;

(b) if so, what are the names of those countries and the extent to which equipment from those countries is being used in this country; and

(c) whether it is a fact that quite a number of radio-therapy units, which were fabricated in India several years ago, are lying unutilized or under-utilized because of bad workmanship; if so, what steps are being taken by Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The import of Cobalt Therapy Unit is covered under Open General Licence and hospitals and institutions do not have to approach the Government for permission to import them Therefore, the, details of countries from which they are imported etc., are not available.

(c) The Government is not aware of any radio-therapy units fabricated in India lying unutilized or under-utilized because of bad workmanship.

**Applications for installation of Radio Therapy Units**

1869. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the standing Committee on Radio therapy had met recently to consider the applications from various medical institutions to instal radio therapy units;

(b) what are the details of each application approved by the Committee and of those which are still pending;

(c) whether Government propose to consider fixing a time limit for taking decision on the applications for radio-therapy in view of the need of this equipment to treat cancer patients; and

(d) whether Government also propose to increase the amount of grant/subsidy to various recognised medical institutions setting up radio-therapy units in view of the rising costs of both the equipment and the infrastructural facilities and if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Standing Committee on Tele-Therapy Units met on the 26th July, 1988 and considered all the 23 applications received. The Committee approved the applications received